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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6980
INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0411

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, CU, BY
SUBJECT: CUBAN EMBASSY IN BUJUMBURA

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1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF
NZEYIMANA'S ARGUMENT REFTEL THAT GRB INNOCENT OF
RESPONSIBILITY IN DECISION TO ADMIT CUBAN EMBASSY.
WHATEVER COMMITMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER EARLIER
AGREEMENTS, BURUNDIANS ARE TOO SKILLFUL AT DELAYING
TACTICS NOT TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT OFF THE CUBANS
IF THEY HAD WANTED TO. EVIDENCE INDICATES BAGAZA
MADE DECISION TO ADMIT EMBASSY DURING VISIT OF CUBAN
DIPLOMAT IN JUNE 1977. (SEE BUJUMBURA 358).

2. WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON WHY OR HOW DECISION
MADE BEYOND ZAIRIAN STATEMENT REPEATED BUJUMBURA 373
THAT DECISION WAS COLLEGIAL. WE WOULD
SPECULATE, HOWEVER, THAT APPROVAL OF THE EMBASSY
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WAS MOVE IN BAGAZA'S ATTEMPTS TO CONSOLIDATE
HIS OWN POWER WHILE GIVING PRIME MINISTER AND
HIS GROUP ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM IN GOVERNING COALITION.
WE SUSPECT UPROAR CREATED BY ZAIRIAN AND RWANDAN
GOVERNMENTS HAS TAKEN BAGAZA BY SURPRISE AND HE IS
NOW TRYING TO EASE OUT OF FLAK.

3. NZEYIMANA'S BLEAT ABOUT THE IMPROPRIETY OF
NOT RESPONDING WITH GRB EMBASSY IN HAVANA IS WEAKENED
BY FACT KOREANS HAVE EMBASSY HERE WHILE BURUNDIAN
AMBASSADOR IN PEKING ALSO ACCREDITED TO PYONGYANG. CORCORAN

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